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Statutory Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A and I-L) made by Statutory Authorities other than the Government of Gujarat including those made by the Government of India, the High Courts, the Director of Municipalities, the Commissioner of Police, the Director of Prohibition and Excise, the District Magistrates and the Election Commission, Election Tribunals, Returning Officers and other authorities under the Election Commission.

HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT

AHMEDABAD

NOTIFICATION

No. CH/HC/C.3004/2023 December, 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred under *Article* 229 of the Constitution of India and all other provisions enabling it in its behalf, pursuant to the resolutions of the Full Court of the High Court of Gujarat held on 05th May, 2022 and 21st December 2022, *Hon'ble* the Chief Justice has been pleased to frame the following rules for providing a Domestic Help and other benefits to the former Chief Justices and former Judges of the High Court.

1. TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:

- (i) These rules shall be called as, "The Domestic Help and Other Benefits to former Chief Justices and former Judges of the High Court of Gujarat Rules, 2022."
- (ii) The Rules shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Government Gazette.

2. **DEFINITIONS**:

- (i) High Court means, "The High Court of Gujarat".
- (ii) Former Chief Justice means, "a person who has held Office of the Chief Justice of the High Court.
- (iii) Former Judge means, "a person who has held Office of a Judge of the High Court."
- (iv) "Spouse" means, "the wife or, as the case may be, the husband surviving a former Chief Justice or former Judge upon his or her death while in Office or after retirement", and

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- (v) "Dependent" means:
 - (a) Parents
 - (b) Minor Children, differently abled Children,
 - (c) Unmarried / Divorcee daughter,
- (vi) "Domestic Help" means, "the assistance of a helper to be provided to former Chief Justice or a former Judge, at the expenses of the High Court.

3. APPLICABILITY:

The Rules shall apply to a person who has held office either as a Chief Justice, or as a Judge of the High Court.

Provided that a former Chief Justice or former Judge of the High Court shall be entitled to avail of the services of a Domestic Help :

- (a) If facility of a Domestic Help under any other rules is not being provided to or not availed by such former Chief Justice or, as the case may be, former Judge by any other High Court.
- (b) If facility of a Domestic Help is not attached to the office or post to which the former Chief Justice or former Judge is appointed after retirement.

4. SELECTION OF DOMESTIC HELP:

The former Chief Justice or Judge, as the case may be, may at her or his discretion select a person/s to be engaged as Domestic Help.

5. CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENT:

The engagement of a Domestic Help identified under Rule 4, shall be on a contractual basis and will be available until the former Chief Justice, or former Judge is entitled to the benefit of the facility and until the Domestic Help performs duty satisfactorily; subject to the certification of the former Chief Justice or former Judge.

6. REMUNERATION TOWARDS DOMESTIC HELP:

- (i) **The amount to be paid** by the High Court to the former Chief Justice or former Judge for the engagement of a Domestic Help shall be Rs. 39,000/- per month in case of the former Chief Justice, and Rs. 36,000/- per month in case of former Judge.
- (ii) Amount of remuneration shall be amended from time to time, in accordance with amendments be made in Supreme Court Rules for providing "Domestic Help to Former Chief Justices of India and Former Judges of the Supreme Court".
- (iii) The former Chief Justice or former Judge; as the case may be, may engage the service of one or more Domestic Help but the High Court shall pay only remuneration equivalent to what is payable for one Domestic Help at the rate prescribed herein above.

7. CONTINUANCE OF DOMESTIC HELP:

- (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, if a Peon or a equivalent holder of a Class IV post, who is borne on the establishment of the High Court, furnishes to the Registrar General of the High Court, a request in writing to serve a former Chief Justice or a former Judge and the service of such employee are acceptable to the former Chief Justice or a former Judge; as the case may be, the said Class-IV employee may be permitted to work as a Domestic Help, upon approval of the Chief Justice, until the Domestic Help attains the age of superannuation and/or so long as this facility is liable to be continued under this Rules, whichever is earlier.
- (ii) On cessation of entitlement of facility of domestic help to the beneficiary, domestic help/peon attached to the beneficiary shall return to the establishment of the High Court.
- (iii) In case, the Peon or equivalent holder of a Class IV who is borne on the establishment of the High Court is permitted to work as Domestic Help, the former Chief Justice or former Judge; as the case may be, shall not be **paid** as provided under Rule 6.

8. ENTITLEMENT OF DOMESTIC HELP TO SPOUSE:

The facility which is extended under the aforesaid provision to a former Chief Justice or former Judge of the High Court, shall be provided on the same terms and conditions to the spouse as defined under Rule 2 (iv).

9. ENTITLEMENT OF DOMESTIC HELP TO OTHER DEPENDENTS:

In absence of spouse, the said facility be extended to parents, minor children or differently abled children, or to the divorcee daughter, as defined in Rule 2 (v) of the said Rules herein-above, on the said terms and conditions; as indicated in for going Rule 8.

10. BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES:

The former Chief Justice or former Judge of High Court and all the dependents as defined under Rule 2(iv) and 2(v) shall be provided following protocol services by the High Court :

- (i) Services regarding renewal of driving licences, arms license, depositing of road tax and registration of new vehicles purchased by *Hon'ble* retired Judge or dependents, etc.
- (ii) To receive and see off the former Chief Justice and former Judges and dependents at the International and Domestic Airports, by the Protocol Officer in-charge of the Domestic & International Airport duty or by the Officer as may be separately assigned by the *Hon'ble* Chief Justice for the services in connection with issue/renewal of VISA and Passport.
- (ii) To get appointment and make all arrangements for visiting Specialists Doctors in various Hospitals for consultation as also for other medical interventions including providing of transportation.
- (iv) To make arrangements for cashless indoor and outdoor medical treatments in any private or multispecialty hospitals to former *Hon'ble* Judges and spouses and minor and differently abled children. Reimbursement of medical bills be processed expeditiously but in no case later than 6 weeks' period.
- (v) Issuance of request letters to the Hospital authorities to extend credit facilities for taking treatment as in-patient by the retired *Hon'ble* Judges, spouses and dependent family members immediately or such request being received from former Judges.
- (vi) Issuance of Identity Cards by the High Court to the retired Judges of this Court.
- (vii) To provide services for reservation of Railway and Air Tickets and also to get the same confirmed from the Railways in respect of railway tickets.
- (viii) To attend to any other emergency work/s as may be determined/assigned by the Protocol Committee.

11. TELEPHONE AND OTHER CHARGES:

The former Chief Justice or former Judge of High Court or their Spouse as the case may be, shall be entitled to get reimbursement of one connection towards monthly bill of Landline or Cellular phone and Internet Charges to the extent of data (500 GB) bandwidth 100 MBPS or higher and unlimited local and national calls plus applicable GST. This may be permitted by subscription of quarterly, half yearly or yearly tariff plan so that minimum expenses are incurred by the High Court.

12. INTERPRETATION:

When any question or dispute arises in regard to the interpretation of these Rules or that concerning any issue not expressly covered under these rules, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court shall be competent authority to take a decision in that respect and the said decision shall be final.

By Order of Honourable the Chief Justice and Judges,

R.K DESAI,

Registrar General.



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